MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes; a little inconvenience was caused. But immediate steps were taken to thatch the building.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know who was responsible for the delay in thatching those buildings?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Of course the Assistant Inspector was responsible but the contractor made it impossible for the Assistant Inspector to perform his duty in time.

Selling of Anchal covers.

330. ❋ MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they allow Anchal covers to be sold for gain by private shopkeepers?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether it would not be helpful to the public who live far away from Anchal Offices if you allow private shop-keepers to sell Anchal cards, covers and stamps?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: It was with the object of preventing profiteering by the merchants that a notification was published prohibiting the merchants from selling Anchal covers, cards or stamps. The notification is still in force. But since the situation has now eased, the point raised by the honourable member will be considered.

N. D. Anchal Office at Elavanthitta.

331. ❋ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a N. D. Anchal Office was sanctioned at Elavanthitta in Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) the reason for the delay?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The delay is due to want of funds this year in the budget of the Anchal Department.

Travelling allowance in the Anchal Department.

332. ❋ MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any travelling allowance was given in 1121 to Anchal Masters, clerks and Anchalmen in the Anchal Department when they were transferred;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, why they were not given; and

(*c*) how the amount budgetted as travelling allowance for the Anchal Department was spent?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) It was spent only for travelling allowance.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the amount spent for travelling allowance for Anchalmasters, clerks, Anchal men and other subordinates of the department?

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MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The budgetted amount is Rs. 2,500.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether this was spent as T. A. for Anchalmasters etc.?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The posts of Anchalmen and clerks have been cadered and provincialised. The amount is allotted to them for the purpose. I do not know whether the whole amount has been spent, because it has been distributed to the various offices. I do not have the statistics with me to say whether all the amount has been spent?

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether he would enquire whether it is made use of?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Certainly.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether when the journey is performed in accordance with their own request, travelling allowance is given?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No travelling allowance is given when the journey is on their own request.

Distribution of kerosene in Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum taluks.

333. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is a widespread complaint regarding the distribution of kerosene in Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum taluks?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether Government have received any complaint regarding this matter?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: A complaint was received from the honourable member himself. The matter was enquired into and prompt action was taken to see that the grievance is removed.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the nature of the action and the relief that has been given?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: From June onwards, kerosene was distributed at 50 per cent. more than the previous issue and still the people who complained continued to represent that they were not getting enough kerosene. We can give only according to the available stock; and all available stock is being distributed according to the ration cards. And for special purposes special supplies are made.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether steps will be taken for the distribution of kerosene on the basis of the ration cards that have been issued for the purchase of foodstuffs, as is being done in regard to textiles?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: You mean the special ration cards?

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Now the arrangement is that cloth will be distributed on the basis of the ration cards for foodstuffs. May I know whether it will be possible for distributing kerosene also on the basis of that?

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